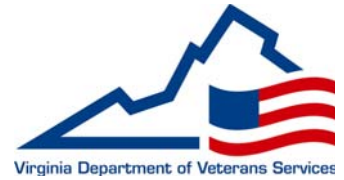


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Bike run to benefit veterans and lay wreath at Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia

RICHMOND— A benefit bike run on September 14, 2008, sponsored by the Virginia Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and the Richmond South HOG Club, will finish up at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia.

The run, a fundraiser to benefit military service personnel who have suffered a spinal cord injury or disorder, will begin at the McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the run departs at 10:30 a.m. Riders will follow Route 360 from McGuire VAMC to the Cemetery with police escorts from each of the jurisdictions between Richmond and Amelia.

Following the ride, a short ceremony will be held and a wreath laid at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia to honor all of our fallen heroes. The St. Andrew's Legion Pipes and Drums will play at the ceremony. The ride will disband following the ceremony.

The Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia is one of two state-operated veterans cemeteries. Service members who were honorably discharged qualify for burial in one of these state cemeteries. A grave site, opening and closing of the grave for the veteran, placement of a government grave marker, and perpetual care of the site are provided to the veteran at no charge. Veterans' spouses and eligible dependent children may be interred for a small fee, currently \$300.

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